

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An oil-based cleansing composition comprising (A) a nonionic surfactant having a HLB of 8 to 106 to 14, and (B) an oil component, and said IOB of (B) said oil component is 0.02 to 0.07, and the mass ratio of component (A) and component (B) is 1:4 to 2:1, and said oil-based cleansing composition satisfies the following conditions (1) and (2):

(1) the amount of water in the composition is less than 5% by mass, and

(2) a micellar aqueous solution phase or a bicontinuous microemulsion phase is formed when said oil-based cleansing composition and water are mixed in the ratio of 4:6.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The oil-based cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the alkyl chain length in (A) said nonionic surfactant is not less than 16 on the average.

4. (Previously Presented) The oil-based cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein (B) said oil component contains not less than 80% of hydrocarbon oil and/or ester oil.

5. (Previously Presented) The oil-based cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein (B) said oil component further contains 1 to 10% of silicone oil.

6. (Previously Presented) The oil-based cleansing composition of claim 1, wherein (C) a liquid fatty acid or a liquid alcohol with the alkyl chain length of not less than 16 is further contained.

7. (Previously Presented) The oil-based cleansing composition according to claim 6, wherein the mass ratio of component (C) and component (A) is in the range of 1:40 to 1:3.

8. (Previously Presented) The oil-based cleansing composition according to claim 1, wherein the below-described condition (3) is satisfied in addition to conditions (1) and (2):

(3) the viscosity measured with a B-type viscometer is not more than 10000 mPa·s when said oil-based cleansing composition and water is mixed in the mass ratio of 7:3.

9. (Previously Presented) The oil-based cleansing composition according to claim 3, wherein (B) said oil component contains not less than 80% of hydrocarbon oil and/or ester oil.

10. (Previously Presented) The oil-based cleansing composition according to claim 3, wherein (B) said oil component further contains 1 to 10% of silicone oil.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The oil-based cleansing composition of claim 5, wherein (C) a liquid fatty acid or a liquid alcohol with the alkyl chain length of not less than 16 is further contained.